

GENEALOGY OF THE MIDDLEBORO

THATCHER  
FAMILY

PREPARED BY GEORGE M. BARDEN









# Thacher

## HERALDIC DESCRIPTION

**ARMS:** Gules, a cross moline *argent*; on a chief *d'or*, three grasshoppers, proper.

**CREST:** A grasshopper, proper, resting on a helmet, visor closed.

Presented in grateful  
appreciation for your help  
with the Thacher/Thacker  
family history project.

James Thacher Shaw  
27 November 1984



born - about 1545	probably Somerset; England
married -	
died - prior to 07 May 1624	Queen Camel; Somerset; England
Father -	
Mother -	
Wife -	
born -	
died -	
father -	
mother -	
Children - Peter Thacher	born - about 1587/8
Anthony Thacher	born - about 1588/9
John Thacher	born - about 1590/1
Giles Thacher	born - about 1592
Thomas Thacher	born - about 1595

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#### HISTORY

Records for this early period of England are sketchy and often written in Latin. The first record of this Peter Thacher is a record of the "institutions of Incumbents in Somersetshire". Under the date 04 December 1574 it lists Peter Thacher (Pet Thatcher) "cler, per mort William Waller, Camell" This indicates that he was clergy at Queen Camel on that date and from other records we know that he was Vicar of that church from that date until his death in 1624. No records have been found to name his wife or parents. It is thought that Peter was a descendent of one of the various Thacher families of Somerset but he could have been from one of the other adjacent shires which also had Thacher and Thatcher families at that time.

The parish record for Queen Camel during the period when Peter was vicar is missing and many of the blanks in our history of Rev. Peter could be answered by that record, if found.

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#### INFORMATION SOURCES

1 - Thatcher - Thacher Genealogy by John R. Totten. Published in the journal of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 1910-1915.

2 - Thacher. A family history by Elwood Thacher of Winter Haven, Florida tracing select descendents of Rev. Thomas Thacher



born - about 1588/9	Queen Camel; Somerset; England
married -1- 1619	
married -2- Feb 1635	
died - between 30 Jun-22 Aug 1667	Yarmouth; Mass.
Father - Peter Thacher	about 1545; England
Mother -	
Wife -1- Mary	
born -	
died - Jul 1634	Salisbury; Wilts; England
father -	
mother -	
Children - William Thacher	born abt 1620; died 15 Aug 1635
Edith Thacher	born 01 Feb 1622; died 15 Aug 1635
Mary Thacher	born about 1625 ; died 15 Aug 1635
Peter Thacher	born about 1630 ; died 15 Aug 1635
Benjamin Thacher	born 13 Apr 1634; died 01 Sep 1639
Wife -2- Elizabeth Jones	
born -	
died - after Aug 1667	?Yarmouth; Mass.
father -	
mother -	
Children - John Thacher	born 17 Mar 1638/9; Marblehead, Mass.
Judah Thacher	born about 1640; ? Yarmouth, Mass.
Bethia Thacher	born about 1645; ? Yarmouth, Mass.

## HISTORY

Anthony is thought to have been born in Queen Camel; Somerset; England since his father was a resident of that village all of his life. We have no information on the education of Anthony but we do know that he trained for the ministry and was curate under his father at the church in Queen Camel until his father's death and then held the same position under his brother Peter at St. Edmund's church in Salisbury. The exact date of his move from Queen Camel to Salisbury is not known and the parish registers for that period of time are missing. The only exact dates that we find recorded are the birth of his son Benjamin in 1634 and the death of his first wife the same year.

It is assumed that shortly after the death of his first wife, he reached the decision to go to America. He married for the second time just prior to leaving England and left his youngest child in care of his brother, Rev. Peter Thacher. Anthony is listed on the passenger list as by occupation a "taylor" with this listing apparently due to the religious persecution of individuals of the Puritan leaning. He was accompanied on the "James" by his new wife and his four children of his prior marriage, his nephews Thomas and Peter (children of his brother Rev. Peter) and by his "cousin" Rev. Joseph Avery and family. After arrival of the "James" in America, probably at Ipswich, Mass., the family stayed there for a short time. Rev. Avery then received a call to preach in Marblehead, Mass and with his family of eleven and Anthony Thacher, his wife Elizabeth and children William, Edith, Mary and Peter left Ipswich on 11 Apr 1635 by ship for Marblehead. The ship was wrecked by a severe storm and all aboard drowned except for Anthony and his wife. A soul rendering letter from Anthony to his brother Peter Thacher in England written just a few days after the wreck is recorded in the book, Thatcher - Thacher Genealogy by John R. Totten on page 89-91.

After the wreck, Anthony and his wife lived in Marblehead for a time until about 1638 when we find him listed in Yarmouth. Records indicate that he was one of the first settlers and that he had a home there with his family in residence by 1639. Anthony was town clerk and town treasurer of Yarmouth



until his death in 1667. One interesting item is noted in the records of Yarmouth dated 1641. "Peter Thatcher haled before Court for running away from Anthony Thacher". This record is one of the few that indicated that Anthony's nephew, Peter Thacher, was still in America at that time and no other records exist to determine what became of him. Multiple records are found from Yarmouth and from Plymouth relating to Anthony Thacher during the period 1639-1667. Anthony Thacher was very prominent in the proceedings of Yarmouth and was a respected citizen of early New England. Anthony died between 30 Jun 1667 and 22 Aug 1667 at which time we have a record of the inventory of his estate. Anthony died without leaving a will. His son John Thacher was appointed as administrator of his estate.

Anthony Thacher was buried on his own land in Yarmouth, not far from the marsh, by a little button pear tree situated near said marsh; which pear tree is said to have been planted by his own hands, and which was reported to be still standing in 1814. No grave marker is found either for Anthony or for his wife.

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- 1 - 'Thatcher - Thacher Genealogy' by John R. Totten. Published first in journal of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 1910-1915 and later in book form.
- 2 - 'The Thacher Family' by Peter Thacher published 1885.
- 3 - 'Thacher Genealogy' by D. W. Allen published 1872.
- 4 - Multiple other sources of early New England records.



born - 17 Mar 1638/9	Marblehead; Essex cnty; Mass.
married -1- 06 Nov 1664	Marshfield; Plymouth cnty; Mass.
married -2- 01 Jan 1684	Yarmouth; Barnstable cnty; Mass.
died - 08 May 1713	Yarmouth; Barnstable cnty; Mass.
Father - Anthony Thacher	1588/9; England
Mother - Elizabeth Jones	
Wife -1- Rebecca Winslow	
born - 15 Jul 1643	Marshfield; Plymouth cnty; Mass.
died - 15 Jul 1683	Yarmouth; Barnstable cnty; Mass.
father - Josiah Winslow	
mother - Margaret Bourne	
Children - Peter Thacher	born - 20 May 1665
Josiah Thacher	born - 26 Apr 1667
Rebecca Thacher	born - 01 Jun 1669
Bethia Thacher	born - 10 Jul 1671
John Thacher	born - 28 Jan 1674/5
Elizabeth Thacher	born - 19 Jun 1677
Hannah Thacher	born - 19 Aug 1679; died* 11 Jul 1689
Mary Thacher	born - 03 Aug 1682; died 07 Sep 1682
infant child Thacher	born - ? ; died in infancy
Wife -2- Lydia Gorham	
born - 06 Nov 1661	Barnstable; Barnstable cnty; Mass.
died - 02 Aug 1774	Yarmouth; Barnstable cnty; Mass.
father - John Gorham	
mother - Desire Howland	
Children - Lydia Thacher	born - 11 Feb 1685;
Mary Thacher (2nd)	born - 05 Feb 1687
Desire Thacher	born - 24 Dec 1688
Hannah Thacher (2nd)	born - 09 Oct 1690
Mercy Thacher	born - 23 Jul 1692; died 27 Aug 1692
Judah Thacher	born - 20 Aug 1693
Mercy Thacher (2nd)	born - 28 Dec 1695; died 22 Aug 1696
Ann Thacher	born - 07 May 1697
Joseph Thacher	born - 11 Jul 1699
Benjamin Thacher	born - 25 Jun 1701/2
Mercy Thacher (3nd)	born - 07 Feb 1702/3
Thomas Thacher	born - 02 Apr 1705

## HISTORY

Hon. Col. John Thacher was born in Marblehead (then Salem) Mass. but moved with his parents to Yarmouth in the 1640's. Nothing is known of the early life of John in Yarmouth. Some confusion exists as to the correct date of his marriage to Rebecca Winslow. In a poem written by him at the death of Rebecca he indicates that they were married in 1661. It may be that their first child, born in abt 1662 was the infant mentioned above.

John was chosen a deputy to the General Court at Plymouth in 1668 and served until 1681 except for the years 1672, 5 and 7. He was a selectman for Yarmouth for many years from 1668. From 1682-92 he was an Assistant to the Governor of Plymouth Colony. When the Plymouth Colony and Province of Mass. joined in 1692 he was elected as representative. He joined the Mass. militia and in time attained the rank of Colonel.

Multiple references to Col. John are to be found in the Early New England records and in particular the records of Plymouth, Yarmouth, Boston and Barnstable.

John died in 1713 at the age of 74. He was buried with military honors befitting his rank of Colonel in the Mass. Militia. A grave stone marks his grave but no stone has been found for his first wife, who we presume was also buried in Yarmouth. His second wife is also buried at Yarmouth with a gravestone marking her grave.







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born - 28 Jan 1674/5	Yarmouth; Barnstable cnty; Mass
married - 10 Nov 1698	Barnstable; Barnstable cnty; Mass.
died - 26 Mar 1764	Barnstable; Barnstable cnty; Mass.
Father - John Thacher	1638/9; Mass.
Mother - Rebecca Winslow	1643; Mass.
Wife - Mrs. Desire Sturgis Dimmock	widow of Thomas Dimmock
born - 1666	Yarmouth; Barnstable cnty; Mass.
died - 29 Mar 1749	Barnstable; Barnstable cnty; Mass.
father - Edward Sturgis	
mother - Temperance Gorham	
Children - Abigail Thacher	born - 02 Nov 1699
Elizabeth Thacher	born - 17 Jun 1701
John Thacher	born - 25 Jun 1703
Lot Thacher	born - 23 May 1705
Fear Thacher	born - 28 Mar 1707
Roland Thacher	born - 28 Aug 1710

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## OTHER DATA

The will of Col. John Thacher is recorded. In this will he mentions his children - Abigail Hallett, deceased; Elizabeth Penfield (daughter of Abigail) granddaughter Mary Lothrop, deceased; son Roland Thacher; children of my grandson Lot Thacher, deceased; etc.

## INFORMATION SOURCES

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- 1 - 'Thacher - Thatcher Genealogy' by John R. Totten - pages 126-7
  - 2 - 'Thacher Genealogy' by Allen - pages 35,37,38,42
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  - 4 - Barnstable Families by Otis - Vol I, page 281, 340, 401 and 414-5







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born - 28 Aug 1710	Barnstable; Barnstable cnty; Mass.
married -1- 24 Sep 1740	Barnstable; Barnstable cnty; Mass.
married -2- 15/16 Sep 1754	Plympton; Mass.
died - 18 Feb 1775	Wareham; Mass.
Father - John Thacher	1674/5; Mass.
Mother - Desire Sturgis Dimmock	1666; Mass.
Wife -1- Abigail Crocker	
born - 02 Apr 1721	Barnstable; Barnstable cnty; Mass.
died - 31 Oct 1753	Wareham; Mass.
father - Timothy Crocker	
mother - Melatiah Crocker	
Children - Martha Fearing Thacher	born - 19 Jun 1741
Jerusha Thacher	born - 03 Apr 1743
Roland Thacher	born - 13 Mar 1745
Sylvia Thacher	born - 16 May 1747
Desire Thacher	born - 27 Jul 1749
Lucy Thacher	born - 27 May 1751; died 02 Mar 1772
Abigail Thacher	born - 20 Mar 1752; died 13 Feb 1775
Wife -2- Mrs. Hannah Swift Fearing (widow of Israel Fearing)	
born - 1724/5	Sandwich; Mass.
died - 29 Jun 1774	Wareham; Mass.
father - Moses Swift	
mother - Mary Foster	
Children - Hannah Thacher	born - 27 Jun 1755
Lot Thacher	born - 03 Jun 1757
Fear Thacher	born - 14 Mar 1760
Elizabeth Thacher	born - 23 Sep 1762
John Thacher	born - 26 Jan 1767

# HISTORY

Roland Thacher was born at Barnstable, Mass. It is probable that his full name was Roland Cotton Thacher as a letter written to him by his father in 1761 is address 'My dear son Cotton'. Roland was educated for the ministry as were others of his ancestors and he also attended Harvard College from which he graduated in 1733. He was the first pastor of the Church and Society of Wareham, Mass where he was ordained in 1740. He continued at this post until his death in 1775. He died in Wareham, Mass in 1775 at the age of 64 and is buried in the Parker Mills Cemetery.

His first wife, Abigail Crocker, was the daughter of a marriage of two Crocker cousins. Abigail died in 1753 shortly after the death of her two youngest daughters and is buried in Wareham, also in the Parker Mills cemetery.

His second wife, Mrs. Hannah Swift Fearing, is also buried in the same Parker Mills cemetery in Wareham, Mass.

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- 1 - 'Thacher - Thatcher Genealogy' by John R. Totten - pages 196-9
- 2 - 'Thacher Genealogy' by Allen - pages 37 and 43
- 3 - 'Barnstable Families' by Otis - Vol I, pg 246
- 4 - Barnstable, Mass. vital records



THATCHER - THACHER, Lot 1757-1833

FH T32T TOTTENS THATCHER, THACHER GENEALOGY

LOT

born - 3 Jun 1757  
 married - 1 - 14 Nov 1778 (intent)  
 married - 2 -  
 died - 4 Mar 1833  
 father - Roland Thacher  
 mother - Hannah Swift Fearing  
 wife - 1 - FEARING, Abigail  
     born - 7 Mar 1759/60  
     died - 19 Mar 1803  
     father - David Fearing  
     mother - Huldah Cushman  
     children - Sarah, David, Harrison O., Charles Fearing, Lewis, Peter, Allen Crocker,  
 Israel Fearing, Abigail, George, John, George  
 wife - 2 - MILLARD, Huldah  
     born - 1770  
     died - 8 Jul 1836  
     father - John Millard  
     mother - Huldah Cushman Fearing (widow of David Fearing - above)  
     children - Albert G., Sarah

Wareham, Mass  
 Wareham, Mass

Rochester, Mass  
 born 1710 in Mass  
 born 1724/5 in Mass

Wareham, Mass  
 Rochester, Mass

Rochester, Mass

MASS R58v ROCHESTER, MASS, VITALS

Vol 2, pg 440 (deaths)

Abigail Thacher, wife of Lot 19 Mar 1803 - 44 years old

George son of Lot and Abigail - 13 Jun 1803 age 0/11/-

Huldah - wife of Lot - 8 Jan 1837 or 8 Jul 1836

Lewis - son of Lot and Abigail - 9 Feb 1811 23/-/-

Lot - 4 Mar 1832/1833 76 years of age

Sally F. - daughter of Lot and Abigail 22 Mar 1811 1/11/-

Albert Gardner - son of Lot and Huldah 7 Nov 1846 41/7/27 or 41/4/3

1790 Mass Census - # 182, Wareham town, Plymouth county

Lot Thatcher - 1 male over 16 - Lot

- 6 males under 16 - David, Harrison, Charles, Lewis, Peter, Allen, Is

- 3 females - Abigail, Sarah, Abigail

1810 MASS CENSUS Index - Rochester, Plymouth County - # 182  
 Lot Thacher



FH T32T TOTTENS THATCHER, THACHER GENEALOGY

born - 17 Jun/Jul 1793	Rochester, Mass
married - 7/8 Dec 1816	Middleboro, Mass/Rochester, Mass
died - 13 May 1885	Middleborn, Mass
father - Lot Thacher	born 1757 in Mass
mother - Abigail Fearing	born 1759/60 in Mass
wife - PEIRCE, Elizabeth Rounseville <i>in Benington</i>	
born - 20 Nov 1796	Middleboro, Mass
died - 27 Jan 1871	Middleboro, Mass
father - Maj. and Dea. Levi Peirce	born 1773
mother - Sally Bourne	died 1853
children - Levi Peirce, Levi Peirce, Elizabeth Allen	

MASS R58v ROCHESTER, MASS, VITALS Vol 2, pg 302

Allen C. Thacher and Eliza R. Peirce of Middleborough marriage intent 22 Nov 1816

owner of ~~Nemaset~~ Mfg. Co. at Middleboro, Mass

marriage 7 Dec 1816

1830

*Nemaset*

Associates with Major Elisha Tucker and Major Levi Peirce

1880 living with son Levi Peirce Thatcher in Middleboro, Plymouth cnty, Mass



THATCHER - THACHER, Levi Peirce 1827- 1904

FH T32T TOTTENS THATCHER, THACHER GENEALOGY

born - 1 Mar/May 1827 *in 2nd*  
 married - 15 Nov 1849  
 died - 4 Jun 1904  
 father - Allen Crocker Thacher  
 mother - Elizabeth R. Peirce  
 wife - DARROW, Sarah A/W.

Rochester, Mass  
 Boston, Mass  
 Middleboro, Mass  
 born 1793 in Mass  
 born 1796 in Mass

born - 23 Feb 1827  
 died - *26 Feb 1917*  
 father - Charles Darrow  
 mother - Abigail Fease  
 children - Henry Lincoln, Georgiana Florence.

Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, Mass

1880 MASS SOUNDDEX - MIDDLEBORO, PLYMOUTH CNTY

Levi (Loui) P. Thatcher	W/M/ 53 (born 1827)	born Mass
Sarah D. Thatcher	- wife - 53	"
Florence Thatcher	- daug - 10	"
Harry L. Thatcher	- son - 29	"
Lucy F. Thatcher	- daug in law-28	"
Allen R. Thatcher	-grand son - 3	"
Gordon Thatcher	- grandson - 1	"
Allen C. Thatcher	- father - 86	"



THATCHER - THACHER, Henry Lincoln 1850-1930

FM T32T TOTTENS THATCHER, THACHER GENEALOGY

born - 6 Nov 1860	Middleboro, Mass
married - 6 Jul 1876	Edgartown, Mass
died - 14 May 1930	Middleboro, Mass
father - Levi Peirce Thacher	born 1827 in Mass
mother - Sarah A/M Darrow	born 1827 in Mass
wife - HARLOW, Lucy <del>Francis</del> Frances	
born - 25 Feb 1852	Wareham, Mass
died - 29 Aug 1945	Swanset, Mass
father - Ivory Hovey Harlow	
mother - Mary Kinney	
children - Allan Remington, Edward Gordon.	

CARR FAMILY GENEALOGY

1880 MASS SOUNDDEX - MIDDLEBORO TWP, PLYMOUTH CNTY

Harry (Henry L.) Thatcher	w/m/29	born Mass
Lucy F. Thatcher - wife -	28	"
Allen R. Thatcher - son -	3	" - 14 May 1877
Gordon Thatcher - son -	1	"

note - both Allen R. and Gordon listed with Louie (Levi) P. Thatcher as grandsons

"Printer"



THATCHER - THACHER, Allan Remington 1877 - 1948

FH T32T TOTTENS THATCHER, THACHER GENEALOGY

Born	14 May 1877	Middleboro, Mass.
Married	08 Oct 1912	" "
Died	06 Jun 1948	" "
Father	Henry Lincoln Thatcher	born 1850 in Mass.
Mother	Lucy F. Harlow	born 1852 " "
Wife	Gladys Pearce Shockley	
	born 28 Jan 1891	New Bedford, Mass.
	died 27 Mar 1985	Middleboro, Mass.
	father	Frederick Andrew Shockley
	mother	Emma Pearce
	children	Ronald Gordon Thatcher b. 07 Nov 1915

Brown University Class of 1900

Owner and manager of the Tahtcher Printing business in  
Middleboro.



THATCHER - THACHER, Ronald Gordon 1915 -

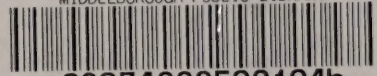
Born 07 Nov 1915 Middleboro, Mass.  
Married 16 Aug 1941 " "  
Died  
Father Allan Remington Thatcher born 1877 in Mass.  
Mother Gladys Pearce Shockley born 1891 in Mass.  
Wife Louise Florence Morse  
born 02 Oct 1921  
died  
father Ralph Chestney Morse  
mother Carrie Agnes Randolph  
Children Louronne Thatcher  
born 08 Apr 1945  
Jane Ashley Thatcher  
born 08 Apr 1947

Ronald G. Thatcher operated the Thatcher Printing business  
in Middleboro from the 1940's until 1972, when he sold  
it in its centennial year.

A world traveller.



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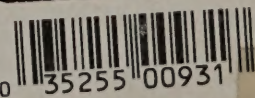
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